

the United States, including any reconstitution of the military and industrial capabilities necessary to meet the planning assumptions used by the Secretary of Defense under section 14(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h-5(b)).

(c) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.**—The disposal authority provided in subsection (a) is in addition to any other disposal authority provided by law.

SEC. 3403. DISPOSAL OF CHROMITE AND MANGANESE ORES AND CHROMIUM FERRO AND MANGANESE METAL ELECTROLYTIC.

(a) **DOMESTIC UPGRADING.**—In offering to enter into agreements pursuant to any provision of law for the disposal from the National Defense Stockpile of chromite and manganese ores of metallurgical grade or chromium ferro and manganese metal electrolytic, the President shall give a right of first refusal on all such offers to domestic ferroalloy upgraders.

(b) **DOMESTIC FERROALLOY UPGRADER DEFINED.**—For purposes of this section, the term "domestic ferroalloy upgrader" means a company or other business entity that, as determined by the President—

(1) is engaged in operations to upgrade chromite or manganese ores of metallurgical grade or chromium ferro and manganese metal electrolytic; and

(2) conducts a significant level of its research, development, engineering, and upgrading operations in the United States.

SEC. 3404. RESTRICTIONS ON DISPOSAL OF MANGANESE FERRO.

(a) **DISPOSAL OF LOWER GRADE MATERIAL FIRST.**—The President may not dispose of high carbon manganese ferro in the National Defense Stockpile that meets the National Defense Stockpile classification of Grade One, Specification 30(a), as revised on May 22, 1992, until completing the disposal of all manganese ferro in the National Defense Stockpile that does not meet such classification. The President may not reclassify manganese ferro in the National Defense Stockpile after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **REQUIREMENT FOR REMELTING BY DOMESTIC FERROALLOY PRODUCERS.**—Manganese ferro in the National Defense Stockpile that does not meet the classification specified in subsection (a) may be sold only for remelting by a domestic ferroalloy producer.

(c) **DOMESTIC FERROALLOY PRODUCER DEFINED.**—For purposes of this section, the term "domestic ferroalloy producer" means a company or other business entity that, as determined by the President—

(1) is engaged in operations to upgrade manganese ores of metallurgical grade or manganese ferro; and

(2) conducts a significant level of its research, development, engineering, and upgrading operations in the United States.

SEC. 3405. EXCESS DEFENSE-RELATED MATERIALS: TRANSFER TO STOCKPILE AND DISPOSAL.

(a) **TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL.**—The Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"EXCESS DEFENSE-RELATED MATERIALS: TRANSFER TO STOCKPILE AND DISPOSAL

"SEC. 17. (a) The Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall transfer to the stockpile for disposal in accordance with this Act uncontaminated materials that are in the inventory of Department of Energy materials for production of defense-related items, are excess to the requirements of the department for that purpose, and are suitable for transfer to the stockpile and disposal through the stockpile.

"(b) The Secretary of Defense shall determine whether materials are suitable for transfer to the stockpile under this section, are suitable for disposal through the stockpile, and are uncontaminated."

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 4(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 98c(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(10) Materials transferred to the stockpile under section 17."

TITLE XXXV—PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

SEC. 3501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Panama Canal Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996".

SEC. 3502. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (b), the Panama Canal Commission is authorized to make such expenditures within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to it in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations, as may be necessary under the Panama Canal Act of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Panama Canal for fiscal year 1996.

(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—For fiscal year 1996, the Panama Canal Commission may expend from funds in the Panama Canal Revolving Fund not more than \$50,741,000 for administrative expenses, of which not more than—

(1) \$15,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses of the Supervisory Board of the Commission;

(2) \$10,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses of the Secretary of the Commission; and

(3) \$45,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses of the Administrator of the Commission.

(c) **REPLACEMENT VEHICLES.**—Funds available to the Panama Canal Commission shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed 38 passenger motor vehicles (including large heavy-duty vehicles to be used to transport Commission personnel across the isthmus of Panama) at a cost per vehicle of not more than \$19,500. A vehicle may be purchased with such funds only as necessary to replace another passenger motor vehicle of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1407. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on retail fees and services of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1408. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the profitability of credit card operations of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1409. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Multifamily Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1410. A communication from the Executive Director of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to savings asso-

ciations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1411. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAMM, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments:

H.R. 2076. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-139).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude length of service awards to volunteers performing fire fighting or prevention services, emergency medical services, or ambulance services from the limitations applicable to certain deferred compensation plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1233. A bill to assure equitable coverage and treatment of emergency services under health plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1234. A bill to reduce delinquencies and to improve debt-collection activities Government wide and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOLE:

S. Res. 170. A resolution to appoint various Chairmen for the 104th Congress; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude length of service awards to volunteers performing fire fighting or prevention services, emergency medical services, or ambulance services from the limitations applicable to certain deferred compensation plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS LEGISLATION

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to exclude Length of Service Award Programs [LOSAP's] for volunteers performing firefighting or prevention services, emergency medical services, or ambulance services from section 457 of the